BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

MINUTES
The Watertown Board of Health has scheduled a REMOTE ZOOM meeting on Wednesday November 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm

PRESENT: Dr. John Straus, Chairperson and Dr. Barbara Beck, Secretary; Richard Arnold, Board Member.

Staff: Larry Ramdin, Director of Public Health
In attendance Elizabeth Birch, PhD, RBNC Therapeutics

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Straus called the meeting to order 7:30 pm *(Due to technical difficulties the meeting start time was delayed)*

Minutes
Minutes were approved for October 21, 2020 meeting,
Motions granted (Arnold, Beck) 3-0.
All in favor.

Public Comment
No public comments.

RBNC Therapeutics
Dr. Elizabeth Birch presented to the Board an overview of the work that will be done at RBNC Therapeutics. The Board had questions on the operations at BSL 2. They referred the application to the Watertown Biosafety Committee for review and recommendation to the Board on permitting.

COVID -19 Update
Watertown has had to date 704 cases, 70 active cases, 610 recovered new cases,24 deaths
Cause of the increase in activity is due to family spread.

Flu Clinic and Flu Shots
Wil VanDinter has vaccinated 647persons for seasonal influenza to date.

Staffing and Department Update
The Department is actively involved in COVID 19 follow-up and the EH staff are conducting spot checks at facilities to ensure compliance with COVID orders.

The owner of Jake is complying with the muzzle order and liability insurance current.

Next Meeting
Scheduled for Wednesday December 16, 2020

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m. (Motion Beck**,** seconded by Arnold 3-0)

Respectfully submitted: Larry Ramdin, Director of Public Health